

# Exhibit A

**NFIRS-1 Basic**

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70004	NE	12	14	2016	Station 1 (1)	116000157	0
FDID	State	Month	Day	Year	Station	Number	Exposure

B Location Type

Census tract:

.Street Address

Intersection

In Front Of

Rear Of

Adjacent To

✓Directions

US National Grid

1617		0		AVE-Avenue	
Number	Prefix	Street or Highway		Street Type	Suffix

	City of South Sioux City	NE	68776
Apt /Suite/Room	City	State	Zip Code

184
Cross Street

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<b>J Property Use</b>	None	341	Clinic, Clinic-Type Infirmary	539	Household Goods, Sales, Repairs
<b>Structures</b>		342	Doctor/Dentist Office	571	Gas or Service Station
131	Church, Place of Worship	361	Prison or Jail, Not Juvenile	579	Motor Vehicle/Boat Sales/Repairs
161	Restaurant or Cafeteria	419	1- or 2-Family Dwelling	599	Business Office
162	Bar/Tavern or Nightclub	429	MultiFamily Dwelling	615	Electric-Generating Plant
213	Elementary School, Kindergarten	439	Rooming/Boarding House	629	Laboratory/Science Laboratory
215	High School, Junior High	449	Commercial Hotel or Motel	700	✓ Manufacturing Plant
241	College, Adult Education	459	Residential, Board and Care	819	Livestock/Poultry Storage (Barn)
311	Nursing Home	464	Dormitory/Barracks	882	Non-Residential Parking Garage
331	Hospital	519	Food and Beverage Sales	891	Warehouse

<b>Outside</b>	938	Graded/Cared for Plot of Land	
124	Playground or Park	946	Lake, River, Stream
655	Crops or Orchard	951	Railroad Right-of-Way
669	Forest (Timberland)	960	Other Street
807	Outdoor Storage Area	961	Highway/Divided Highway
919	Dump or Sanitary Landfill	962	Residential Street/Driveway
931	Open Land or Field	981	Construction Site
936	Vacant Lot	984	Industrial Plant Yard

Property Use:

Description

Look up and enter a Property Use code and description only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box

K1

Person/Entity Involved

Manager

Big Ox Energy

Local Option

Person/Entity Type

Business Name (if applicable)

Phone Number

	Jason		Osbahr	
Mr., Ms., Mrs	First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix

Number	Prefix	Street or Highway	Street Type	Suffix

		City of South Sioux City
Post Office Box	Apt /Suite/Room	City

NE	68776
State	Zip Code

K2

**Owner**

Local Option

Person/Entity Type

Business Name (if applicable)

Phone Number

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M Authorization				
Officer In Charge ID	Signature	Position or Rank	Assignment	Date
Chief 1	Clinton Merithew	Fire Chief		12/20/2016
Member Making Report ID	Signature	Position or Rank	Assignment	Date

*CM* 12-22-16

## NFIRS-7 HazMat

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HazMat ID

1053	23-Division 2.3 Gases toxic by inhalation	7783-08-4	1030
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<b>J</b> <b>Cause of Release</b> 1 - Intentional 2 - Unintentional Release 3 - Container/Containment Failure 4 - Act of Nature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 - Cause Under Investigation U - Cause Undetermined After Investigation	<b>K</b> <b>Factors Contributing To Release</b> 50-Mechanical failure, malfunction, other 54-Other part failure, leak, or break	<b>L</b> <b>Factors Affecting Mitigation</b> 46-Extreme low temperature
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<b>M</b> <b>Equipment Involved In Release</b> 1 Equipment Involved In Release None Brand Model Serial Year	<b>N</b> <b>Mobile Property Involved In Release</b> 1 Type Make Model Year License # State DOT/ICC #	<b>O</b> <b>HazMat Disposition</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Completed by Fire Service Only 2 - Completed w/Fire Service Present 3 - Released to Local Agency 4 - Released to County Agency 5 - Released to State Agency 6 - Released to Federal Agency 7 - Released to Private Agency 8 - Released to Property Owner or Manager <b>P</b> <b>HazMat Civilian Casualties</b> Deaths Injuries 2
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## NFIRS-7 HazMat (Additional Chemical)



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Dakota County Emergency Management (Beckman) arrived at 1953 hrs.

**LEVELS OF CONCERN:**

Was to on-site employees, vehicular traffic backing up on the road to Big Ox, semi-trucks needing to come in for material disposal and the fluctuating levels of H<sub>2</sub>S and CH<sub>4</sub>.

The safe-distance was set at 1,500 feet: exceeding the ERG recommendations of 1/2 mile.

With subzero temperatures employee safety in removing from the interior break room to the west guard room at the scales was required.

Most doors had been opened by hand due to orders of not using any motorized motors for any operations. These advances in conjunction of the prevailing winds from the NW assisted with diluting the levels of concern.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

- 1) Environmental levels of H<sub>2</sub>S and CH<sub>4</sub> were constantly monitored by on-site management reporting levels.
- 2) The safe zone was pushed back 1500-feet from the guard shack at the railroad crossing to 164th St., moving the media and by-standers; bridging the 3/4 mile distance due to any downstream flow.
- 3) One semi-truck with bio-waste (paunch) was allowed to enter to (eventually) dump the load due to the load beginning to ooze out onto the field. The driver was instructed to back into the garage on the west end and shut down.
- 4) Employees were allowed to gather their personal items and leave the property.

More SSCFD resources arrived and geared (per SOP) in preparation for safety concerns and rescue.

The Director of Business Development, Kevin Bradley arrived (2017 hrs) and we conducted a second Operational briefing on the status so far and the events leading up to the present.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF MITIGATION:**

George Hoyus and Perry Winkler, Production Supervisor obtained photographs with fire crews nearby as safety so a mitigation plan could be devised.

**SITUATIONAL CAUSE:** The event started when workers and crews were attempting to realign an overflow pipe when there was an overpressure blowing the worker off the ladder, falling down six-feet.

Photography review of the interior was evident the pipe required to be adjusted at flange to flange then bolt and secure. This mitigation would reduce any further H<sub>2</sub>S spillage and complete all other essential plant functions to resume operations, post start-up protocol.

Fire crew: Lt. Shilo Herrmann (CHMT) and FF Toby English (FRO) were in their PPE and SCBA. Wristlets were taped. Instructions from George Hoyus was spelled out and clearly understood.

- 1) Levels of H<sub>2</sub>S were read and monitored at all times. Readings never increased over 60ppm.
- 2) Levels of CO were consistent at 26%
- 3) The LEL were fluctuating between 1.0 and 1.3%

**CONCERNS:**

One of the (paunch) trucks with a load were instructed earlier to back in and shut down.

a) We learned later that he never shut down and kept the engine running.

b) The exhaust gases increased the CO from the low single to lower teens to that of the middle 20's. Chemistry of the CO and mixing with the CH4 was stabilizing the LEL.

#### OPERATIONS:

At clock time 2119 hrs fire crews entered the building and approached the room and ladder as instructed. A secondary team of two were ready waiting at the main rollup door for any potential rescue scenario. Another FF was ready at the CP (Command Post) as a single resource if needed.

During the operation, one entry member had to spell out due to low air (SCBA), one FF moved up, entered the structure and supported the interior operations. The third member entered the back-up team. First low air FF changed bottle and waited at the door.

Task assignment was accomplished at 2145 hrs.

Company officials began monitoring levels immediately, which saw levels stabilizing and reducing to safe (normal) operating levels.

A de-briefing was conducted by Big-Ox, fire and Emergency Management.

- Clear and concise communications was performed during the entire event
- Understanding the scope of the operations and the hazards was discussed and understood
- Crews were formed timely, stayed doubled up in teams
- Mitigation was performed without any issues
- Control of the scene was maintained
- Security held tight with safe distances
- Monitor readings was immediately given out

Bog Ox IC was terminated with all units cleared at 2228 hrs.

EOR:CFM

#### Person/Entity Involved

Local Option

Other

Person/Entity Type

Big Ox Energy

Business Name (if applicable)

Phone Number

Mr., Ms., Mrs. First Name MI Last Name Suffix

Number Prefix Street or Highway Street Type Suffix

Post Office Box Apt./Suite/Room City

State Zip Code